

Amendments to the Claims:

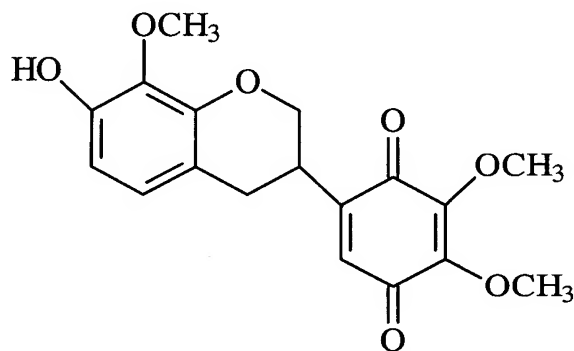
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) ~~Antibacterial agents~~ An antibacterial agent comprising Eysenhardtia adenostylis extract.

2. (Currently amended) ~~Antibacterial agents~~ The antibacterial agent of Claim 1 containing an effective amount of Eysenhardtia adenostylis extract ~~as an effective ingredient to exhibit antibacterial properties.~~

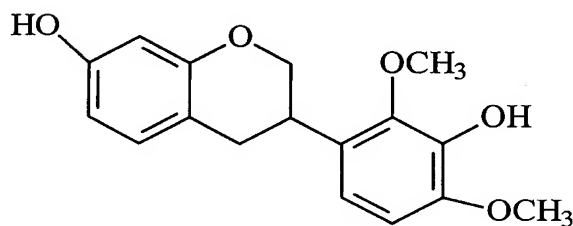
3. (Currently amended) ~~Antibacterial agents~~ An antibacterial agent

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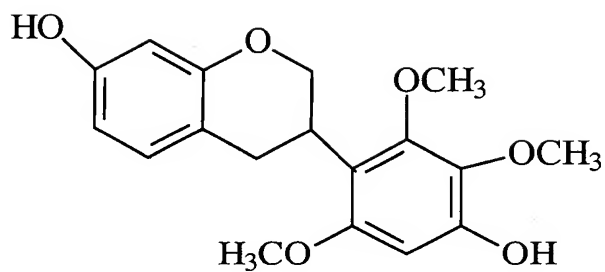
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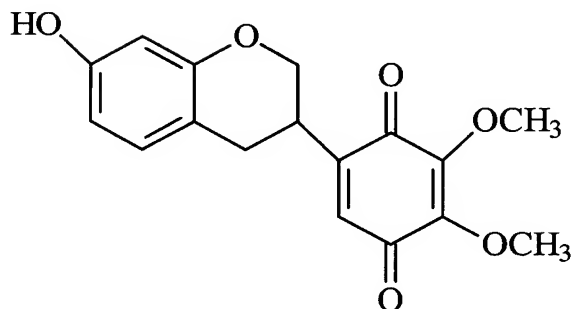
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comprising one or more compounds selected from the isoflavan compounds shown in the formulae (1), (2), (3) and (4).

4. (Currently amended) ~~Antibacterial agents~~ An antibacterial agent containing as an active component[[s]], one or more compounds selected from the isoflavan compounds shown in the formulae (1), (2), (3) and (4) in Claim 3.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Antibacterial compositions comprising~~ An antibacterial composition containing the antibacterial agent[[s]] ~~in any of claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) ~~Antibacterial compositions~~ An antibacterial composition comprising one or more compounds selected from the isoflavan compounds shown in the formulae (1), (2), (3) and (4) in Claim 3.

8. (Currently amended) ~~Antibacterial compositions claimed in any of claims 5 to 7~~ An antibacterial composition containing the antibacterial agent according to claim 1 where the antibiotic composition is a cosmetic, pharmaceutical or food ~~whose compositions are cosmetics, pharmaceuticals or foods.~~

9. (Currently amended) ~~Compositions~~ A composition containing the antibacterial agent[[s]] ~~claimed in any of claims 1 to 4~~ according to Claim 2.

10. (Currently amended) ~~Compositions~~ A composition containing Eysenhardtia adenostylis extract.

11. (Currently amended) ~~Compositions~~ A composition containing one or more compounds selected from the isoflavan compounds shown in the formulae (1), (2), (3) and (4) in Claim 3.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Compositions claimed in any of claims 9 to 11~~ A composition according to claim 10 where the composition is a cosmetic, pharmaceutical or food ~~whose compositions are cosmetics, pharmaceuticals or foods.~~

13. (New) A composition according to Claim 11 where the composition is a cosmetic, pharmaceutical or food.

14. (New) An antibacterial composition containing the antibacterial agent in Claim 2.

15. (New) An antibacterial composition containing at least one of the antibacterial agents in Claim 3.

16. (New) An antibacterial composition containing the antibacterial agent according to Claim 2 where the antibacterial composition is a cosmetic, pharmaceutical or food.

17. (New) An antibacterial composition containing the antibacterial agent according to Claim 3 where the antibacterial composition is a cosmetic, pharmaceutical or food.